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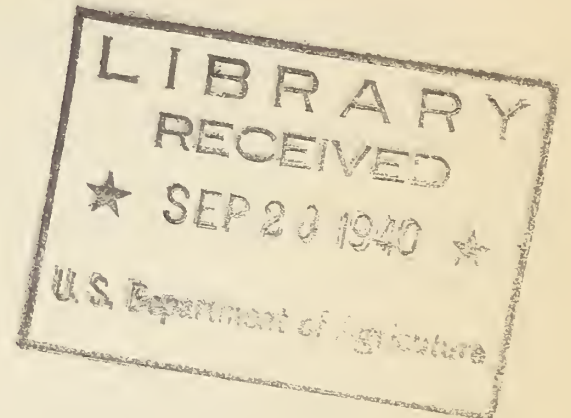
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ARKANSAS HIGHLIGHTS



The story of agriculture today in Arkansas and in the rest of the Nation is the story of an improved agriculture. Here are the highlights of progress under the National Farm Program in Arkansas during the 7 years since it was started:

INCOME: Farmers Make More Money -- 1939 cash income up 105 percent from 1932; buying power 187 percent <sup>of</sup> ~~from~~ 1932; farm real estate values in 1940 up 19 percent from 1933; \$50,464,355 loaned by Farm Credit Administration agencies from 1933 to 1939; debts of low income farmers reduced \$2,248,857 under Farm Security Administration debt adjustment service; 33,046,000 pounds of surplus foodstuffs distributed to needy in last fiscal year.

CONSERVATION: Farmers Are Conserving Their Soil -- 290,000 Arkansas farmers participated in the 1939 AAA program, representing about 95 percent of the State's cropland; 963,918 acres covered by 5-year agreements with the Soil Conservation Service in 1939; 3,653,000 trees distributed for planting during 1939.

SECURITY: Farmers Are More Secure In Their Homes -- 40,245 farm families received rural rehabilitation loans totalling more than \$13,717,700



from 1935 to 1940; \$1,152,490 made in grants in the same period; 449 tenant families started toward ownership by loans for farm purchases; 4,823 miles of rural electric lines to serve 17,577 farm families made possible by allotments of Rural Electrification Administration -- 5,057 more farmers getting central station electric service in 1939 than in 1935.

DEMOCRACY: Farmers Help Run The Programs -- 75 county AAA offices with the 2,980 county and community committeement administer/AAA program locally; 75 county committees and 70 tenant purchase committees working on program of Farm Security Administration; 80 local National Farm Loan associations and 17 production credit associations in operation; 75 county land-use planning committees formed.





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# PART ONE: FARM INCOME

Arkansas farmers in 1939 had 105 percent more cash income than they had in 1932. Farm cash income in Arkansas was \$159,583,000 in 1939. Government payments accounted for \$27,907,000 of this amount directly. The 1939 cash income was 18 percent less than in 1929, when cash income was \$194,000,000. Cash income in 1932 was \$78,000,000.

Substantial gains in cash income from 1932 to 1939 by the producers of Arkansas' most important farm products are shown in the following table:

TABLE I. Cash Income Received by Arkansas Farmers for Principal Commodities Listed, in 1932 and in 1939, With Amount and Percent of Change.

Commodity	Cash Income 1/		Amount of Increase, 1939 over 1932	Percent of Increase, 1939 over 1932
	1932	1939 2/		
	(Thousands of dollars)			(Percent)
Cotton lint	45,239	64,267	19,028	42
Hogs	2,216	11,200	8,984	405
Cattle and calves	1,772	10,458	8,686	490
Cottonseed	5,638	10,371	4,733	84
Milk	6,183	8,852	2,669	43
Rice	3,026	5,731	2,705	89
Chickens	1,402	4,816	3,414	244
Eggs	2,480	3,988	1,508	61
Peaches	233	1,962	1,729	742
Truck crops	1,251	1,663	412	33
Corn	690	1,294	604	88
Sweetpotatoes	465	1,031	566	122

1/ Because farm income statistics are being revised, all figures in this table are not strictly comparable. For the most part figures are on a calendar year basis, but there are a few commodities which are on a crop year basis for 1932. All income figures in this table exclude Government payments.

2/ Preliminary.



For the country as a whole cash farm income in 1939, including Government payments, was 82 percent larger than in 1932. Cash farm income was \$4,682,000,000 in 1932 and \$8,540,000,000 in 1939, including \$807,000,000 in Government payments.

### Prices of Farm Commodities

Better prices for Arkansas' leading farm commodities have put more cash in the hands of the farmers of the State. The improvement in prices received by Arkansas farmers for their principal commodities is shown in the following table:

Table II. Average Prices Received by Arkansas Farmers for Commodities Listed, in 1932 and in 1939.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1932</u> (Dollars)	<u>1939 1/</u> (Dollars)
Milk (wholesale)	cwt.	1.35	1.65
Hogs	cwt.	3.40	5.80
Beef cattle	cwt.	2.80	5.50
Veal calves	cwt.	4.10	7.60
Wheat	bu.	.45	.72
Corn	bu.	.37	.64 <u>2/</u>
Sweetpotatoes	bu.	.48	.91
Potatoes	bu.	.64	.77
Apples	bu.	.63	.75
Peaches	bu.	1.05	1.00
Rice	bu.	.38	.73
Butter	lb.	.22	.25
Chickens	lb.	.092	.112
Eggs	doz.	.109	.142
Cottonseed	ton	10.24	21.15
Cotton lint	lb.	.065	.089
Peanuts	lb.	.032	.044

1/ Preliminary

2/ Includes loan corn at average loan value.





### Farm Purchasing Power

Both farm income and prices paid by farmers declined sharply from 1929 to 1932, but farm income declined more. From 1932 to 1939 there was an increase in both farm income and prices paid by farmers, but farm income increased more. Thus farm buying power fell off from 1929 to 1932 and climbed upward from 1932 to 1939.

For the United States as a whole farm buying power in 1939 was 172 percent as much as in 1932 and 99 percent of the 1929 level. In other words, farmers were able to buy about as much in 1939 as in 1929 and 72 percent more than in 1932.

In Arkansas farm purchasing power in 1939 was 187 percent as much as in 1932 and 104 percent of the 1929 level. Thus Arkansas farmers in 1939 were in a position to buy 87 percent more of the things they needed than in 1932 and 4 percent more than in 1929.

The farmer's buying power can also be shown by the unit exchange value of farm products, namely, the ratio of prices received by farmers to prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living and production. While this measurement is not available on a State basis, Arkansas farmers naturally benefited from Nation-wide improvement in the exchange value of farm products.

For all farm commodities, the unit exchange value was 26 percent higher in 1939 than in 1932. The following table, comparing 1939 and 1932, shows the unit exchange value of all farm products, as well as specified groups of farm commodities that are important in Arkansas.





Table III. Unit Exchange Value \* of all Farm Products and of Specified Groups of Commodities Important in Arkansas.

	: Percent of Base Period :		Percent
	: 1910 - 1914 :		Change
	1932	1939	1939 over 1932
All farm products	61	77	+ 26
Meat animals	59	91	+ 54
Dairy products	78	86	+ 10
Chickens and eggs	77	78	+ 1
Cotton and cottonseed	44	60	+ 36

\* Ratio of prices received to prices paid by farmers for commodities used in living and production, 1910-14 base.

#### Farm Real Estate Values

Gains in farm income, prices and buying power have been reflected in rising real estate values on Arkansas farms. In the year ending March 1933 the value of farm real estate was only 80 percent of the period before the World War. From this low point the estimated value per acre in Arkansas rose to 95 percent of pre-war for the year ending March 1940. Thus Arkansas farmers found their real estate worth about 19 percent more early in 1940 than in the first part of 1933.

For the United States as a whole, in the year ending March 1940 farm real estate values rose to 85 percent of the level before the World War, compared with only 73 percent of pre-war in the year ending March 1933. The 16 percent gain from 1933 to 1940 followed more than a decade of unbroken decline in the value of farm real estate.



### Farm Foreclosures, Sales and Bankruptcies

Along with a rise in farm real estate values since 1932, there were more voluntary sales of farms in Arkansas and fewer forced sales and bankruptcies.

Voluntary sales and trades of Arkansas farms were 35.5 per thousand for the year ending March 1939, compared with 23.9 per thousand for the year ending March 1933.

On the other hand, the number of forced farm sales in the State declined from 64.1 for the year ending March 1933 to only 18.6 per thousand for the year ending March 1939.

Farm bankruptcies in Arkansas dropped from a total of 70 in the year ending June 30, 1933, to 10 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939.

In the United States as a whole, voluntary sales and trades of farms rose from 16.8 per thousand in the year 1933 to 28.2 per thousand in the year ending March 1939, and forced sale of farms declined from 54.1 per thousand to 16.8 per thousand in the same period; farm bankruptcies in the entire country decreased 76 percent from 1933 to 1939.

### All Phases of Farm Program Contribute to Income Improvement

Farmers of Arkansas received \$9,083,000 in conservation payments under the 1937 program, \$17,187,000 under the 1938 program, and an estimated \$16,250,275 under the 1939 program, including county association expenses.

In addition, under the Price Adjustment Act of 1938, farmers of the State received an estimated \$9,518,767 in parity payments on 1939 production. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, Arkansas cotton producers received \$11,727,994 under the Cotton Price Adjustment Act of 1937.







For the United States as a whole, payments under the 1939 conservation program totaled \$506,179,199, including county association expenses.

Federal Credit Aids Agriculture

Farmers in Arkansas obtained \$50,464,355 in loans from institutions under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration from May 1, 1933, through December 31, 1939. In addition, credit was advanced to a considerable number of farmer cooperatives and privately organized agricultural financing institutions.

The Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, making long-term first mortgage loans, had \$16,956,623 outstanding in Arkansas on December 31, 1939, including loans made prior to the organization of the Farm Credit Administration. In addition, \$6,431,002 of first and second mortgage Land Bank Commissioner loans were outstanding on that date.

From 1933 to 1935 almost 91 percent of Federal Land Bank and Commissioner loans made in Arkansas were used to pay off old debts. Although the largest percentage of loans continues to be made for refinancing, since October 1, 1935, some 3,338 Arkansas farmers and farm tenants have purchased farms, using \$3,685,200 credit obtained from the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis and the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, which provides funds for Land Bank Commissioner loans, to finance the purchases. This includes the resale on credit terms of farms which had been acquired by these agencies.

The 17 production credit associations operating in the State have made 55,824 loans aggregating \$26,978,750 since their organization in 1933.



These associations make loans for all types of short-term farm operations.

Loans outstanding on December 31, totaled \$1,651,119.

The St. Louis Bank for Cooperatives makes loans to farmers' marketing, purchasing, and farm business associations. On December 31, 1939, the St. Louis Bank had loans outstanding to 5 Arkansas cooperatives aggregating \$583,892.

In the United States as a whole, during the same period, individual farmers and their cooperative organizations obtained \$5,951,000,000 in loans and discounts from institutions under supervision of the Farm Credit Administration. Land bank loans outstanding on December 31, 1939, totaled \$1,905,000,000; Land Bank Commissioner loans, \$691,000,000; production credit associations numbering 528, in six years made 1,312,000 loans aggregating \$1,442,000,000; in the same period the 12 district banks for cooperatives and the Central Bank made 6,868 loans aggregating \$491,047,000.

#### Debt Adjustment

In Arkansas, 6,173 farmers, through the Farm Debt Adjustment Service of the Farm Security Administration, reduced their debts through agreement with their creditors by \$2,248,857 in the period September 1, 1935, to December 31, 1939, a debt reduction of 25.2 percent. As a result these farmers have been able to pay \$156,931 in back taxes.

In the United States as a whole, 111,131 farmers reduced their debts by adjustments totaling \$84,942,798, or 23.7 percent, and as a result have been able to pay more than \$4,860,000 in back taxes.





### Commodity Loans Protect Income

Corn and wheat loans serve to protect and stabilize farm income, help to stabilize market supplies and prices, and protect both consumers and producers against the calamity of crop failure.

In the United States as a whole, 70,000 wheat producers obtained loans on their 1938 crop, totaling about \$45,000,000 on 85,700,000 bushels of wheat, and about 235,000 producers stored 167,000,000 bushels of their 1939 crop under loans totaling about \$115,000,000.

### Exports Aided

Two major export programs for wheat and cotton have assisted United States producers to retain their fair share of the world market. In the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1939 the first year of the wheat export program, 118 million bushels of wheat were sold for export. Of this amount, export of 94 million bushels was assisted directly by the export program. From July 1 through December 31, 1939 sales for export of approximately 24½ million bushels of wheat and wheat in the form of flour were assisted by the continuing export programs.

How the wheat program has operated to improve the domestic wheat prices in the last year and a half is shown in the following: In August 1938, the average U. S. farm price was 34 cents under the Liverpool price. In August 1939, the U. S. price was about 3 cents above Liverpool. Since Liverpool is normally about 30 cents over the domestic farm price, this meant the U. S. farmer was receiving about 33 cents a bushel more for his wheat than if his price had been based on the world price.





Domestic Consumption Increased

Expanded domestic distribution and consumption of surplus farm products were brought about through two types of programs; direct purchase of commodities for distribution to needy families through State welfare agencies, and the Food Order Stamp Plan which puts increased food buying power directly into the hands of low-income families.

In Arkansas in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, 33,046,000 pounds of surplus foodstuffs were distributed by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, compared with a total of 1,970,079,155 pounds distributed throughout the United States in the same period.

Commodities purchased in Arkansas included 7,850,000 pounds of rice, 18,200 cases of canned tomatoes, and 2,000 bales of cotton.

By July 1, 1940, the Food Order Stamp Plan was in operation in Little Rock, North Little Rock, and the rest of Pulaski County and Pine Bluff and the rest of Jefferson County, while others are to be added to the list.



## PART TWO: CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

Income improvement and conservation of natural resources have gone hand in hand in Arkansas since 1933.

Under the first Agricultural Conservation Program in 1936 about 191,500 Arkansas farmers participated. Of the total cropland, about 83 percent, or 6,700,478 acres, was covered by applications for payments. A total of 855,531 acres was diverted from soil-depleting crops. Soil-building practices were put into effect on about 1,281,000 acres as follows: New seedings of legumes and legume mixtures, perennial grasses for pasture, and green-manure crops -- 1,244,417 acres; fertilizer and lime applications -- 3,340 acres; terracing -- 33,450 acres; and forest tree plantings -- 144 acres.

Arkansas farmers have continued to participate actively in the AAA programs. There were 174,200 payees in the 1937 program and 276,000 in the 1938 program. Applications for payments covered 6,426,000 acres, or 79 percent of the cropland in the State, under the 1937 program and 8,510,000 acres, or 92 percent of the cropland, under the 1938 program.

Soil-building practices were put into effect in the State as follows under the AAA programs for 1937 and 1938:

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>
New seedings	acres	892,000	844,887
Green-manure and cover crops	acres	556,900	1,529,145
Forest tree practices	acres	400	934
Mulching	tons	-	868
Fertilizer and lime applications	tons	2,952	15,269
Seeding pasture mixtures	acres	-	27,846
Artificial reseeding of pastures	lbs. of seed	-	352,400
Contour ridging	lin. ft.	-	406,000
Terracing	lin. ft.	10,895,000	17,474,000
Other erosion control practices	acres	-	2,012







In the United States as a whole, under the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program, new seedings covered 30,075,000 acres and green-manure and cover crops 25,244,000 acres. Fertilizer and lime applications totaled 5,547,000 tons. Forest tree practices covered 197,000 acres and pasture practices about 2,205,000 acres. Protected summer fallow, strip cropping, contour farming, and listing were carried out on 15,990,000 acres. Terracing was carried out to the extent of 392,036,000 linear feet.

#### Soil Conservation Service Activities

In addition to the Agricultural Conservation Program, many Arkansas farmers have signed five-year agreements with the Soil Conservation Service for complete programs of erosion control and good land management. As of December 31, 1939, 6,304 farms including 963,918 acres were operating under such agreements. This figure includes land in Soil Conservation projects, CCC camp soil conservation work areas, and farms planned cooperatively by the Soil Conservation Service and State Extension Service. Soil Conservation Districts, organized under State law, include 49,396 farms and 6,753,020 acres.

Approximately 197,226 acres unsuited to continued cropping have been purchased and developed for uses for which this land is better suited, principally forestry and grazing under the Land Utilization Program.

In the United States as a whole, a total of 48,267,000 acres of farm land in 82,000 farms were covered by five-year contracts with the Soil Conservation Service up to June 30, 1939. Soil Conservation Service demonstration areas now include 68,847,000 acres. Soil Conservation Districts, numbering 217, covered a combined area of 120,000,000 acres of the Nation's



1,900,000,000 acres of land by January 1, 1940, with another 100 districts in process of organization. Within the 217 organized districts were 1,000,000 farms.

Approximately 8,600,000 acres of land unsuited to continued cropping have been purchased and developed for uses for which this land is better suited, principally forestry and grazing.

#### Forest Conservation and Reforestation

Approximately half of the 275,000 farms in Arkansas contain woodland, and farm woodlands in the aggregate amount to 6,500,000 acres, or about 37 percent of the State's farm area.

Forest conservation and reforestation on both public and private lands in Arkansas have been advancing rapidly from 1932 to 1940. Under the Clarke-McNary law, which provides for Federal-State cooperation in the production and distribution of trees, 3,653,000 trees were distributed for planting on farm lands during 1939. Extensive plantings of forest trees also are made on farm lands under agreement with the Soil Conservation Service.

The U. S. Forest Service administers 2,124,795 acres in the Ouachita and Ozark National Forests in Arkansas. Under the provisions of the Weeks Law more than 700,000 low-producing acres have been purchased or approved for purchase by the National Forest Reservation Commission in 6 years. Through protection and careful management they are rapidly being restored to productivity.

During the fiscal year 1939 more than 100,000 people visited the Ouachita and Ozark National Forests for recreation purposes, many of them







using the 20 developed campgrounds. 24,277,000 board feet of timber valued at \$214,857 were cut on these National Forests in the past fiscal year.

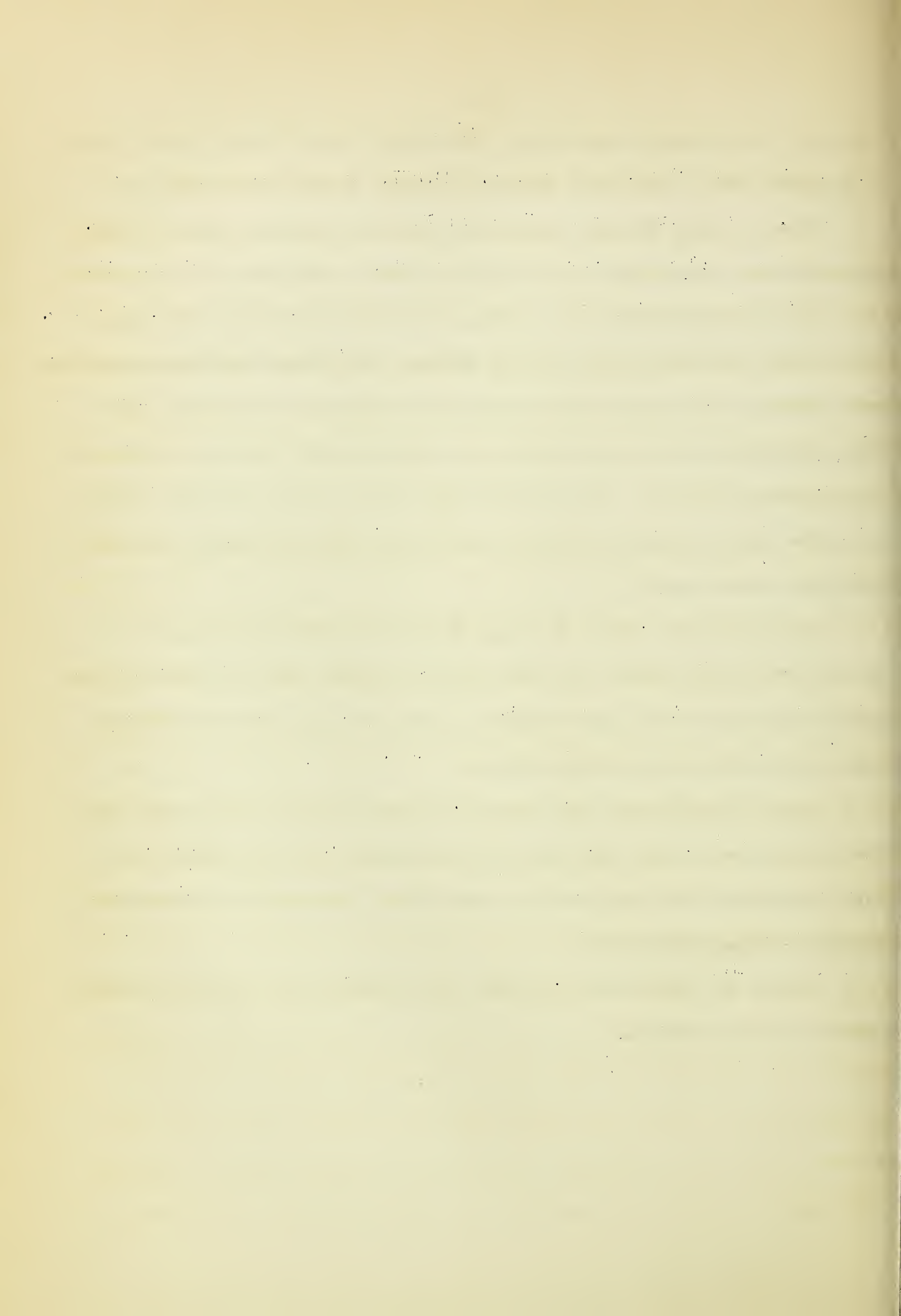
During 1939, 248 acres were reforested by planting, bringing the total National Forest land successfully planted in Arkansas to 3,799 acres.

In the United States as a whole, the national forest system now includes about 175 million acres in 40 States. More than 12 million acres have been purchased or approved for purchase for national forests since March 1933, about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times as much land as was purchased for national forests in the preceding 22 years. Approximately 125 million trees produced largely in Forest Service nurseries were planted during 1939 on 131,000 acres of national forest land.

In the Prairie States Forestry Shelterbelt Project of the Forest Service, 125 million trees have been used in 11,000 miles of plantings and provide protection for about 3 million acres of land in the Great Plains where protection is especially needed.

About 314,000 trees were planted on farm lands in 1938 in the farm forestry program of the Soil Conservation Service, and 55 million trees were distributed for farm planting under Forest Service-State cooperation through the ~~Clarke~~-McNary law.

Under the AAA program in 1938, about 55,445 acres of farm land were planted to forest trees.



### PART THREE: GREATER SECURITY AND BETTER LIVING ON THE LAND

Aside from the program designed to provide greater equality of income for agriculture as a whole, and Nation-wide conservation practices, special attention has been given to more needy farm families requiring additional aid to become self-supporting. Special programs have been directed to low-income farmers suffering from such additional handicaps as drought, poor farming practices, worn-out or inadequate land, unsound tenure conditions, or overwhelming debt.

From 1935 to 1940 in Arkansas the Farm Security Administration aided 40,245 farm families with rural rehabilitation loans aggregating \$13,717,700 to enable them to get a new start and again become self-supporting.

By following complete farm and home management plans in 1939, 17,790 rehabilitation borrowers in Arkansas had an average net income of \$490.05 per family as compared with \$257.08 in the year before they came to the Farm Security Administration for help, an increase of 91 percent, and increased their average net worth over and above all debts from \$330.29 to \$545.50, a gain of 65 percent in the same period. Thus those families had added \$3,828,586 to the wealth of their communities and increased their own annual incomes by a total of \$4,144,516. The typical rehabilitation family in Arkansas has borrowed \$665.04 and already has repaid \$276.74. Arkansas rehabilitation borrowers in 1939 produced \$4,799,386 worth of goods for home consumption, compared with \$2,018,098 worth before entering the Farm Security Administration program. In 1939 these families canned an average of 429 quarts of fruits and vegetables per family for home consumption;







produced an average of 476 gallons of milk per family; and an average of 5.44 tons of forage per family. Rehabilitation borrowers in Arkansas are now operating an average of 65 acres, an increase of  $26\frac{1}{4}$  acres since they came to the program. This increased acreage, while not adding materially to the production of commercial crops, has maintained a better diet for these families.

At the close of 1939, 42,439 Arkansas families had received grants for emergency relief aggregating \$1,152,490.

Under the Bankhead-Jones Act loans for farm purchases were made to 449 tenant families in Arkansas as of December 31, 1939, aggregating \$1,864,177.

In the United States as a whole, from 1935 to 1940, the Farm Security Administration aided approximately 800,000 farm families with rehabilitation loans. By following complete farm and home management plans, 360,000 of these borrowers covered by a survey in 1939 had increased their net worth over and above all debts by 26 percent, and their production of food for home consumption by 64 percent. The average borrower reported increasing his net worth by more than \$230.42 since coming into the program.

The Farm Security Administration has made rehabilitation loans totaling more than \$370,000,000 since 1935. Although these loans are usually made for a period of five years, and much of the money is not yet due, these farmers who could not get adequate credit from any other source already have repaid more than \$130,000,000 into the U. S. Treasury. Ultimately it is expected that at least 80 percent of these loans will be collected.

Under the Bankhead-Jones Act, loans for farm purchases were made to 6,678 tenant families by December 31, 1939.



### Rural Electrification

By June 30, 1939, the Rural Electrification Administration had made allotments in Arkansas aggregating \$4,607,500 for the construction of 4,823 miles of line to serve 17,577 farm families.

By June 30, 1939, 8,000, or 3.2 percent of the farms in the State, had central station service, compared with 2,943, or 1.2 percent having central station service before the REA began operations in 1935. This is a net increase of 5,057 farms or 171.8 percent. Construction completed during the past 12 months has still further increased the number of farms receiving central station service. Surveys showed that 10 percent of the farms served by REA lines have washing machines; 73 percent have electric irons; 83 percent have electric vacuum cleaners; general utility electric motors, electric chick brooders and poultry lighting have gained favor since the beginning of the program.

There were 13 REA-financed rural electric systems in the State by September 1, 1939.

In the United States as a whole, to the close of 1939, the Rural Electrification Administration of the Department of Agriculture has made total allotments of \$273,000,000 for the construction of 260,000 miles of line to serve 600,000 farm families. Already 400,000 farms have been connected to REA-sponsored lines, the greater majority of which are cooperatively managed. The number of electrified farms in the United States has more than doubled from 1935 to the present time. Approximately 25 percent of American farms were electrified by January 1, 1940, compared with 10.9 percent on January 1, 1935.







#### PART FOUR: STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY THROUGH THE FARM PROGRAMS

Democracy has been both the end and the means of National Farm Programs from 1933 to the present. Through local committees, farmers have the responsibility for local administration.

Nearly 6 million of the Nation's 6,800,000 farmers are participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program today. Participation in Arkansas and in the United States since the AAA began in 1933 was as follows:

	<u>Arkansas</u>	Number of contracts accepted by AAA		<u>United States</u>
1933	99,339		1933	1,625,912
1934	102,201		1934	3,105,110
1935	124,796		1935	3,399,779
1936 <u>1/</u>	50		1936 <u>1/</u>	291,652

1/ Winter wheat and rye contracts made before January 6, 1936.

	<u>Arkansas</u>	Number of payees under the Agricultural Con- servation Program		<u>United States</u>
1936	191,472		1936	3,880,447
1937	174,200		1937	3,743,904
1938	276,000		1938	5,248,796
1939	290,000		1939	5,764,200

The results of referendum votes among Arkansas farmers show the demand for full application of the AAA programs. Important referenda in which Arkansas farmers participated were as follows:



<u>Nature of Referendum</u>	Date	: : <u>Participating Farmers</u> : For : Against : :	: : Percent : For
Corn-hogs	Oct. 1934:	4,474 : 664	: 87
Cotton (Bankhead Act)	Dec. 1934:	121,933 : 9,496	: 93
Wheat	May 1935:	41 : 3	: 93
Corn-hogs	Oct. 1935:	7,638 : 1,120	: 87
Cotton	Mar. 1938:	134,754 : 4,580	: 97
Cotton	Dec. 1938:	90,894 : 6,494	: 93
Tobacco: Burley	Dec. 1938:	14 : 4	: 78
Rice	Dec. 1938:	893 : 371	: 71
Cotton	Dec. 1939:	83,227 : 5,807	: 94

In Arkansas in 1940 there were 375 members and alternates of county AAA committees and 2,605 members and alternates of community AAA committees which administer the Agricultural Conservation Program locally. There were also 75 county committees of the Farm Security Administration in the State and 70 county tenant purchase committees. Cooperating with the Farm Credit Administration were 80 local National Farm Loan Associations and 17 Production Credit Associations.

Soil Conservation Districts, organized under State law, include 49,396 farms and cover 6,753,020 acres in Arkansas.

Soil Conservation Districts are organized and developed under State laws by farmers, who have an opportunity to express their preferences both as to planning and operations within the District. By means of these Districts farmers can coordinate their efforts to control erosion thoroughly along watershed lines with technical assistance often being furnished by local, State, and Federal agencies.





### Land Use Planning by Farmers

Land Use Planning Committees study all agricultural problems, and how Federal, State, and local agricultural services can best be applied. Representative farm people and agricultural officials are members of both county and community planning committees. In this way farmers have a voice in planning what all public agricultural agencies will do in their communities.

In Arkansas, 75 county Land Use Planning Committees, with 900 farmer members, have been formed and others were expected to be organized in 1940.

In the United States as a whole, approximately 135,000 farmers served on AAA committees; there were 2,907 Debt Adjustment Committees; 1,289 Tenant Purchase Committees; and approximately 1,500 committees for rehabilitation loans; about 3,700 active National Farm Loan Associations, and 528 Production Credit Associations; approximately 370 Soil Conservation Districts were either organized or in the process of organization.

There were approximately 19,000 farmers by the end of 1939 participating as members of county Land Use Planning Committees, and 65,000 as members of community Land Use Planning Committees.

